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CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAMSummary Points on HSCA Hearings

1. The HSCA has scheduled hearings on the assassination of President Kennedy for weekdays, 6 - 29 September. Preliminary hearings on the assassination of Martin Luther King are to be 14 - 18 August and November.
2. Areas of apparent emphasis appear to be CIA coverage in Mexico City, and issues arising from the questions of Nosenko's bona fides. On the Nosenko matter, CIA's treatment of Nosenko is also under scrutiny.
3. The Mexico City story is essentially, in terms of Agency coverage, one of sources-and-methods. Aspects of the Nosenko story also involve sensitive matters.
4. Recent handling of restricted Agency material (press release), without checking with the Agency, may indicate lack of concern about sensitive matters.
5. HSCA has failed, despite repeated requests, to discuss with the Agency how to handle sensitive matters in public hearings.
6. Agency employees called to testify may be faced with the dilemma of violating their secrecy oath or risking a contempt citation.
7. The matter tends to become political, in addition to whatever legal questions there are.

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